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Dear Mr. Peterson:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Casey and your very kind comments concerning his address before the Commonwealth Club of California in late May. Mr. Casey is very pleased to know that his remarks elicited such interest and comment.

The passage you quoted from Mr. Casey's speech before the Commonwealth Club is not statement of CIA policy per se, nor necessarily the personal wishes of Mr. Casey. At this point in his speech, Mr. Casey was simply drawing together in summary analysis both the economic impact that the Communist threat has in the Third World and the role all Americans, not just the Federal Government, can play in encouraging and developing stronger relations throughout the Third World. His statement on the need for entrepreneurial activities to be suited to the prevailing level of economic opportunity in the countries and the need for private sector leadership in the American business community in this regard was simply a reiteration of the views expressed by President Reagan at the Cancun Summit. Mr. Casey's intent was certainly not to be implementing nor suggesting implementation of official policy on behalf of this Administration.

I have attached a copy of Mr. Casey's full remarks before the Commonwealth Club. I am sure that you will notice on pages 8 and 9 that this is the case.

Thank you again for your letter. Your strong support of this nation and your understanding and concern for the goals we must achieve are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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